



## West End Academy

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### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year. The children have come back to school fantastically well and ready to learn. They all look really smart in their school uniforms too. I would also like to welcome all of our new children. I hope you have a great time at West End!

Mr McGowan and all of the cleaning staff have worked very hard over the holidays to make sure the building is clean and tidy! Thank you to them as always for their hard work. The teachers have also been working hard to make their classrooms as bright and stimulating as possible. A big thank you to all the staff for making sure that the school looks fantastic for the children's return!

### Teaching and Learning

Information about what the teachers have planned for your child this term will soon be on our website. We all continue to have high expectations for our children and we ask you as parents to support us in this. We all want the best for our children.

### Achievement Assembly

The special mentions assembly will be held every Tuesday morning. We look forward to welcoming parents of children who have been recognised by the staff for their outstanding work and behaviour each week. Parents will receive an invitation to these assemblies every Friday.

### PE

Through the use of the sports funding, we are committed to improving the quality of PE opportunities for our children. More details about what we have planned this year will follow shortly. The table below shows when the children will need to bring their PE kit to school.

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Upper Foundation	Thursday	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday	Monday
Year 2	Friday	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday (Swimming)	
Year 5	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 6	Monday	Friday

### School Uniform

Please can I remind you about our rules for school uniform.

- West End Academy jumper or cardigan, white shirt with a grey skirt / trousers.
- Black shoes.
- Jewellery cannot be worn (only stud earrings are allowed and should be removed or taped up for PE).

### PE Kit

- Black or navy shorts and a white T-shirt.
- Trainers for outdoor PE lessons.
- Warm black or navy top and trousers for outdoors.

Please make sure that your child's name is on all items of clothing. If you have any concerns about uniform, please call into school and speak to your child's class teacher.



### **Dinner Money**

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school dinner. Dinner money is £2.25 a day or £11.25 a week for the children in Key Stage 2. Please make sure that dinner money is sent into school on a Monday morning in an envelope marked with your child's name. If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please call in at the office for an application form.

### **Text Messages**

Please remember to tell us if you change your mobile number so that we can update our system. We need up-to-date contact numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Thanks for your support with this.

### **Making an Appointment**

If you have any concerns whatsoever, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher first. You can make this appointment by telephoning or visiting the office. If you feel that your child's teacher cannot help, please make an appointment to see Mr Jackson, our Deputy Head, or me.

### **School Term Dates**

The school term dates and school holidays for this academic year are listed below. The school will also have INSET days throughout the year. Two of our INSET days will be Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. We will tell you the other dates as soon as possible.

	<b>School will close on</b>	<b>School will reopen on</b>
<b>Autumn half-term</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
<b>End of term</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>Spring half-term</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>End of term</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>Summer half-term</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<b>End of term</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	

I am looking forward to another successful year and to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher